

# Prince Albert Friend

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## Water, Waste & Energy: What will our children inherit?



Dying vegetation - a sign of dropping ground water levels.

- Colin Bower -

Mention or even whisper the word 'water' aloud in our part of the Karoo and heads swivel. This life-giving liquid is so precious to us that we ignore it at our peril. That is why on a chilly Saturday morning late in April, a group of 18 or so residents had gathered at Eerstewater for an educational outing organised by the Prince Albert Cultural Foundation. This is the thought-provoking report of the outing.

It is sometimes mistakenly supposed that cultural foundations worry principally about preserving architecture. Nothing could be further from the truth. Culture invariably exists in a relationship with environmental factors of all sorts, and the prevalence of water, its use and its abuse is a major factor. Our teachers in this instance were to be Sue and Richard Dean, but first off Judy Maguire reminded us that we were standing on what had once been the northern shore of the Agulhas Sea, not to be confused with the later Karoo Sea. I guess all the land that

we stand on was originally under the sea. Anyway, it is the lowermost sediments deposited by the Karoo Sea that Prince Albert stands on today.

### Leiwater

Judy reminded us that our gravitational leiwater system is virtually as old as our town. For instance, the water furrow system is recognisable in a painting by Robert Gordon of about 1779. We looked at the crystal clear water of the Dorps River, where it crosses the road at Eerstewater, and Sue explained that here the mountain water is healthily acidic, but that the ground water is becoming increasingly saline (brak), and this worrying fact rapidly became a major theme of the morning's education. Judy said that salinity was a problem worldwide, and that it was salinity that contributed to the collapse of the Sumerian civilization. On a previous outing, a number of us had seen the devastating effect of salinity at the abandoned farm, Swartskraal.

Sue pointed out that, although PA has

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## A Fine Day for Animal Rights

- Henriëtte -

The former owner of well-known Bassett Hound, Fred, has pleaded guilty to neglect.

Johan Small of the Bush Pub appeared in court on 10 May, facing charges of animal neglect. Fred was removed from the Pub premises by police earlier this year following numerous complaints by local residents. He was found tied up with a very short piece of rope, he had no shelter, an almost empty, filthy water bowl and had to make do standing in his own faeces.

After removing Fred, he was placed in a temporary shelter. A visit to an Oudtshoorn vet revealed that he suffered from a severe eye infection in both eyes, that he was ten kilograms underweight and that he had an irregular heart beat.

In passing sentence, Magistrate Tom Claassen said animals become our responsibility when brought into our lives. He said animals couldn't speak up and don't have cell phones to call for help. Claassen said Small's sentence should be a message to the community that animal neglect would not be tolerated.

Small was fined R2000 or 100 days in prison. He paid the fine.

Fred, in the meantime, has found a new home with Colleen and William Penfold, and is thriving.

## Dis Wêreldbekerseisoen

Ná ons kwaai somer is die winterweer, wat hopelik reën sal bring, baie welkom. Daar is ook opwinding in die lug oor die 2010 Sokker wat 'n groot gebeurtenis en geleentheid vir ons land is.

Al is baie van Prince Albert se inwoners bly dat hulle ver weg is van die gedrang en gedruis van die vuvusela, en al bied ons dorp steeds 'n heenkome aan stadstam mense op soek na stilte en vrede, helder sterrenagte en ongerepte natuurskoon, weet almal dat ons leerders tydens die lang "sokkervakansie" positief en veilig besig gehou moet word. Die Munisipaliteit, kerke, skole en organisasies soos BADISA en die Gemeenskap-Polisiëringforum, span saam om kinders te vermaak, te voed en te ondersteun. Inwoners en besighede wat betrokke wil raak by hierdie program, kan gerus skakel met die koördineerder

Henry Piedt by 023 541 1476.

oOo

Dit is ongelukkig so dat kostes die *Vriend* nou dwing om die intekenprys te verhoog. Drukwerk, en veral ook posgeld, het dramaties toegeneem – om uitgawes wat soms tot 44 bladsye dik is, te pos, is geen grap nie! Noodgedwonge verhoog die intekengeld dus van die 1ste Julie 2010 tot R150 per jaar (vir elf uitgawes). Daar is ook groot druk om die koerant se prys te verhoog na R5. Ons onderneem egter om ons lesers vroeëtydig te waarsku indien ons wel genoodsaak word om die verhoogde prys in te stel. Ons vertrou dat ons lojale intekenare en lesers sal verstaan en ons sal bly ondersteun. Dit is ons vasbeslote strewe om nog die heel beste plattelandse koerant te word, so bly asseblief lees!

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### Not only Prince Albert has problems

I visited Prince Albert for the first time last year, visiting relatives. Like many others, I fell in love with this beautiful part of the world and will certainly visit it again. My family send me copies of *The Friend*, a very informative journal, so that I can keep in touch.

I was very interested to read Hennie Boshoff's letter in the February edition. He raises some very pertinent points. There are many problems in Prince Albert too and North End carries the bulk of these, the street children included. I have to say that I did not see that many and at no time did they pester me nor did I feel threatened. If Mary Page, who found them so offensive, were to travel to London, or anywhere else in the world, she would find homeless people sleeping on the streets.

We can count our blessings that we are not in that situation ourselves but we cannot just ignore these poor people or wish them away.

M Read  
North Yorkshire, England

### Komplimente en vrae

Ek rig hierdie skrywe aan al die inwoners van Prince Albert.

Tydens die pas afgelope Olyffees het drie wel berese dames, wat nog nie voorheen in Prince Albert was nie, by ons tuis gegaan.

Ons gaste kon nie uitgepraat raak oor hoe skoon en netjies ons pragtige dorp is nie.

Bravo aan die munisipaliteit en sy werkers, 'n wel verdiende kompliment.

'n Verdere kompliment gaan aan ons plaaslike groot kruidenierswinkel. Die diens aan die publiek is vriendelik en uitstekend. Dit is egter vir bejaardes en gestremdes bitter moeilik om toegang te verkry omdat die parkeerarea so ongelyk en rof is dat kruidenierswaentjies nie tot by die motors

gestoot kan word nie en hulle dit ook moeilik vind om daar te beweeg.

My vraag is: Wie is verantwoordelik vir die onderhoud van hierdie terrein?

'n Verbetering hier sal die dorp en elke inwoner tot groot voordeel strek!

M Muller

### 'n Sagte Teiken?

Ter inligting:  
In Maart 2009 'n fratsvloed wat my buitegebou onherstelbaar beskadig, (*Die Vriend* voorblad Maart 2009), moet onmiddellik gesloop en herbou word teen aansienlike koste. Die munisipaliteit bly doof en stom ten spyte van herhaalde versoeke om minstens hulle probleme op te los en my te vergoed vir skade.

In April 2009 my brief in u kolom aangaande my probleem.

In September 2009 'n brief van die munisipaliteit: Ek moet onmiddelik die venster in die grensmuur (wat altyd daar was) toebou. Ek stuur op 6 Oktober 2009 'n brief met verduideliking en foto's aan die munisipaliteit - geen erkenning of antwoord.

April 2010, 'n klop aan die deur - 'n besoek deur die bouinspekteur. Dit blyk

dat die hoë venster, te hoog om van binne of buite deur te kyk, vir Mnr Edwin September pla. Ek stuur **weer** die brief en kry 'n volle maand later vir die eerste keer ontvangserkenning.

### My vraag is

- Is dit billik? Die venster was deur die dorpsgeskiedenis daar en laat slegs lig in.
- Is ek as afgetrede, wetsgehoorsame maar weerlose vrou 'n sagte teiken?
- Hoekom word daar niks gedoen aan die foutiewe stormwatersisteem wat my reeds soveel skade berokken het nie? Hoekom word tyd en mannekrag aan beuselagtighede afgestaan en die regte kwesie geïgnoreer?

Barbara Gorniak

### Dankie vir julle bystand

Hiermee wil ek graag die volgende persone bedank vir hulle hulp en bystand voor en na my operasie:

My wonderlike man Hardus, wat pa, ma, kok en dokter moes wees, my ouers, skoonouers, Dr Reinders, Elsofie en span, my kollegas, Tannie Lizzie Smit, Maruschka Erasmus, Marelize Viljoen, vriende en familie vir die inloer, oproepe en sms's!

Ek waardeer elke gebaar en geduld. Baie, baie dankie!

Michelle Mulder

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## Museum news - What's in a name?

When one enters the Museum, along the passage round the left corner hangs a photograph taken by Johnny Louw, a teacher, during August 1947. It is a photograph of thirty-three PIETE of Prince Albert standing on the front steps of the Dutch Reformed Church.

In this assembly of all the town's males with the *same* first name one can understand how family/surnames originated. All these nicknames are worthy of mention. Piet Kapok, Piet Orrel, Piet Pos, Piet Plank, Piet Bouer, Piet Beentjies, Piet Prop, Piet Doets, Klein-Piet, Piet Maagseer, Piet Balju, Piet Sekel, Piet Skaapinspekteur, Piet Muil, Piet Bus, Piet Oud-Stryder, Piet Sweet-Musidel, Dokter Piet, Piet Tronksluit, Piet Voeltjie and Piet Bouer. The little Piete, the row of young boys in the front hadn't yet identified their claim to fame.

Since that photograph was taken there have been many more Piete living in and around the town with names that are worth mentioning. They are Piet Bril, Piet Baard, Piet Swartbaard, Piet Kapok, Piet Vlermuis, Piet Latte, Piet Grondpyp, Piet Groendak, Piet Prop, Piet Pensie, Piet Pa, Piet Langpit, Piet Doppies and Piet Kuikenkop! These are all listed in an interesting little book of Local Stories compiled by Helena Marincowitz available at the Museum.

This custom still exists today, though in a minimal way, particularly where persons have both the same first and surname. Some are no doubt familiar to us, such as Chris Akkerboom, Chris Hare and Chris Vis.

The Johans of the town also have their identification such as Johan Stappies, Johan Slagter, Johan Miljoen, Johan Boom en Johan Blom. Afrikaans is such

a wonderfully descriptive language; English translations would not have the same effect.

Maybe this custom should continue so as to add to the character of the town! Take time to visit our Museum, it is a storehouse of information, fascination, nostalgia.... and amusement.

*Museum Greetings!*  
Lorna Verran

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## Starry Splendour over Prince Albert

- Hans Daehne -

**I**n June we can enjoy the beautiful thick part of the Milky Way in all its glory again over Prince Albert and now is the time to observe the huge constellations of **Scorpius and Sagittarius** above our heads at night as we are looking into the direction of the centre of our galaxy.

Scorpius contains the **red super giant Antares** that would extend right up to the orbit of Mars (Ares in Greek) if placed at the position of our Sun. This star is also called Cor Scorpii, the heart of the Scorpion. The Scorpion can only be seen in the winter while we can observe the Southern Cross nearly all year round and if viewed synoptically from south to south-east it comes as a surprise every year again to see these two beautiful constellations (the Scorpion and the Southern Cross) so close together. The reason for this is that the **Southern Cross is circumpolar** i.e. always above the horizon for us while Scorpius is just outside the circumpolar region.

The bright stars in Sagittarius resemble the shape of a teapot (rather than an archer of half horse half man configuration) that could be pouring its contents into a fine string of stars arranged in the curved shape of a crown hence its name **Corona Australis, the Southern Crown**.

**Venus and Mars** are both evening objects with Venus very bright at magnitude -4.0 visible for about two hours after sunset in the north west while the reddish Mars is moving closer to Regulus, the heart of the Lion.

**Jupiter** at magnitude -2.3 will become visible after the middle of the month from just after midnight in the constellation of Pisces. It is always very rewarding to observe the largest planet in our solar system with its four bright Galilean moons through a telescope. This is among other reasons because Jupiter rotates around its axis in under 10 hours and some changes of this fast spin can be observe during the night.

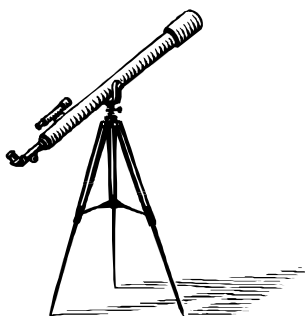
**Saturn** at a dim magnitude of only 1.0 is visible the whole evening with the plane of its rings open only 2% i.e. nearly edge-on and thus reducing Saturn's reflectivity but now its moons can be found easier. This rare position of Saturn was last observed in 1995.

**New Moon** will be on the 12<sup>th</sup> and **Full Moon** on the 26<sup>th</sup> of June.

**Winter Solstice on the 21<sup>st</sup> June** will mark the shortest day and longest night (good for star-gazing) and although the days will become longer thereafter it is termed as the beginning of winter in the southern hemisphere. Sunset in Prince Albert will be at 17h30 and will become later by one minute every evening from now on while only from 7 July will the Sun rise one minute earlier daily in the morning.

**The Sun**, our closest star, which is observed from many dedicated observatories around the globe and also from a few satellites, is now viewed from a new eye-in-the-sky namely **NASA's Solar Dynamics Observatory** or SDO for short that will monitor the Sun as never before. Each day the SDO will transmit data back to Earth to the equivalent of 380 full-length movies. What is special about this satellite is that it has a **Helioseismic and Magnetic Imager (HMI)** on board to monitor the magnetic fields at the solar surface and to probe the activities deeper down. Our star is vibrating and by measuring the strength and the frequency thereof the interior of the Sun can be mapped similarly to how geophysicists use earthquakes to probe Earth's mantle and core.

Keep the stars in your eyes!  
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## FUTURE EVENTS

### June 2010

**2 June:** Garden Club AGM, 2 Meiring St, 15h00

**4 - 5 June:** Stargazing with Astro Tours

**5 Junie:** Leeu-Gamka Dankfeesbasaar

**11 - 19 June:** Stargazing with Astro Tours

**24 Junie:** Linden-koor, Huis Kweekvallei, 10h00

**25 June:** Moonlit Market, Prince Albert Markie, 18h00

**Junie – Augustus:** Fees van Suid-Afrikaanse filmmakers, Jans Rautenbach Schouwburg

### Julie 2010

**3 July:** AGM of Prince Albert Cultural Foundation, St John's Hall, 18h30

**4 Julie:** Canticum Novum, VGK Kerk, 18h00

**24 July:** Christmas in July, Swartberg Hotel

### Augustus 2010

**7 Augustus:** NGK Kerkbasaar

### October 2010

**23 & 24 Oktober:** Die Naaimasjien, Jans Rautenbach Schouwburg

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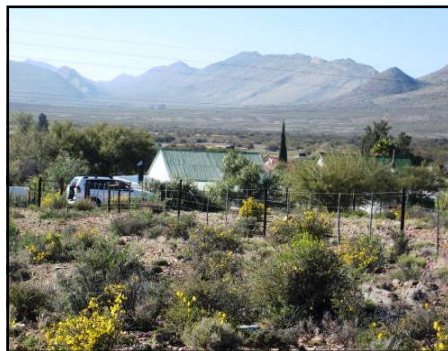
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## Dennehof se Brandewyn

Tannie Adri Schoeman se storie oor stookketels het my dadelik herinner aan 'n briefie wat ek ontdek het in een van my oupagrootjie se skuldboeke. Saam daarmee onthou ek toe dat ek ook weet wat geword het van my familie se stookketel! Ek deel graag met u iets van my voorgeslagte se geskiedenis, waaruit ek kan aflei dat hul stookketel baie hard moes werk en vir hulle 'n goeie inkomste besorg het.

My oupagrootjie (bekend as Willem Ouderling) is in 1898 aangeneem deur sy oom W J Rossouw wat Dennehof gebou het en dit later bemaak het aan my oupagrootjie. Dennehof was 'n vrugbare plaas en in die Rossouw familie se besit totdat my pa, Wilkie, Dennehof aan Gay van Hasselt verkoop het in 1990.

Die skuldboek se eerste bladsye is uitgeskeur, maar die eerste inskrywing dateer: 1 Januarie 1903. Die volgende inskrywing lui as volg: "Prince Albert, de 3 Oktober 1904, brandewyn 67 gelings."

Agter in die boek is 'n los briefie, geskryf in netjiese sierskrif:

*Williston  
25 Feb. 1905*

*Den Heer  
W.F. Rossouw  
Prince Albert*

*Mynheer*

*Wy neem de eer om u te melden dat wy bezigheid vroegen hier gedrijven by mr I.D. Stofberg overgenomen hebben. Dat is zoo ver zyn drank lisensie aangaan. Hy heft my gerecommendeer aan u voor brandewyn. Het zal ons verblyd als gy ons laten weten kan zoo spoedig als mogelijk als gy gewillig zijl om aan ons te verkopen al de brandewyn die wy van tyd tot tyd nodig krijgen. Wy verkoop een goede klomp brandewyn, zoo zal on verblyd wees te horen als gy ons brandewyn kan verkopen en wat uwe laagste prys.*

*H.Oddes*



'n Ketel met 'n storie

My oumagrootjie was 'n nooi Mimmie Stofberg van Fraserburg se omgewing. Ek neem aan dis van haar familie van wie die ou in die brief die dranklisensie oorgeneem het.

Overgeset zynde: Dennehof het brandewyn gemaak. Of dit witblits of brandewyn is, 'n stookketel moes daar gewees het. En daar was! Gay van Hasselt het daardie einste oorspronklike B. Lawton stookketel op sy werksplek gekoop saam met Dennehof.

Ja, daar was sowaar gate in gekap! Sy het dit weer laat toemaak en nou pryk dit in die melkery bokant die trap. Gay vertel dat die stookketel nog op sy plek was waar dit meer as 100 jaar terug ook gewerk het. Sy sê daar was aan die agterkant 'n ekstra dun pypie weggesteek waardeur iemand baie beslis skelm iets te drinke gekry het...

Dankie Gay dat jy ons stookketel so mooi oppas – dink asb aan my in jou testament.

Ek sal dit graag eendag wil terugkerf... (net vir die rekords: ek is Maria Malan du Toit – gebore Rossouw – net ingeval die testament ongeldig is as jy skryf Mari du Toit.)

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#### Moeder Aarde

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(Water, Waste... Continued from p 1)

enjoyed a much higher than usual rainfall in recent years, the long term rainfall average – 170mm – effectively defines our area as a desert. She also said that, when she and Richard arrived in PA in 1987, the population was just 3500 people. Today it is close to 10 000, and still growing. The implication of this for water usage did not have to be spelled out. We were reminded that under the new water legislation, all water in South Africa is owned by the state. This marks a major departure from the previous dispensation, when the right to water existing on private property went to the owner of that property. Is the current dispensation better? Your answer will depend on a long standing disagreement between those who believe in the primacy of collectivist rights, and those who believe in the primacy of individual rights.

Some of us observed with some degree of sadness the now enclosed water furrow. Speaking for myself, I always loved the open furrow – the noise of the gurgling water, the greening of the furrow environs by the numerous water leaks, and the open access to water it provided for the wildlife. Still, it's now a done deal, and we must make the best of it, and certainly there are many who believe it will make an improvement in the supply of water to our town. We viewed the ugly razor wire cage that surrounds the upper pump station and the nearby hollow that someone must have believed provided the best solution to the provision of drinking water for animals. We also stopped at the much more attractive open pool of water at a lower point of the furrow. Sue believes that we are not providing any where near enough water to flow in its traditional course along the Dorps River as an ecological reserve, and that this has an adverse effect on river bank eco-systems.

### Boreholes

At the boreholes on the right of the road just below the Municipal water treatment plant, we saw how the large bluegum trees had died off as a result of the falling ground water levels, and Sue offered a shattering statistic for our consideration: at Pump No. Seven, the water was at a level of just 3m below ground in 1977.

By 2002 it had dropped to 10m below ground level and by 2004 to 30m-40m below ground level. Although the ground water recovers after rain, Judy predicted that it could be depressed to even lower levels during future droughts. But this is not all. Water from such deep levels is saline to the point of being unusable for irrigation or for drinking, and so the more acid water from the mountain furrow is used to recharge these bore holes to dilute the salt concentration of the ground water. Sue said that in the summer months, 80% of the Municipality water supply is from boreholes.

### Ruined Woodlot

We were shown a great deal more by Sue and Richard, including their largely ruined woodlot of 600 Karoo Acacia trees they had planted as a source of firewood for the poorest of the town. They planted the woodlot on their own initiative and at their own expense, but now the trees have mostly died off from neglect. Whose responsibility is this? Well, you figure it out, but the last letter the Deans wrote to the Municipality, in which they offered to undertake the watering of the trees themselves was not even acknowledged. Of course we all want to work together without finger pointing for the good of the town, but it serves no-one's interest if we are too timid to call a spade a spade. We were also shown a one-hectare, prepared and secured piece of ground, with borehole and solar energy panels all in place, ready for cultivation as a vegetable patch, but it continues to lie unused. My solution? Call for tenders, limit the tenders to inhabitants of North End, sell freehold or on a 99 year lease basis at a sub-economic price, with all the capital equipment in place, and let the profit motive drive the production of vegetables.

### Sewerage Works

Then we visited the sewerage works. Here, as most people know, the dams have now all been lined with black plastic. Perhaps there is a defensible reason for having done so, but it is unsightly, it has driven water birds away, and it is ultimately a waste of a resource. Something none of us knew: the one element in sewerage water that no process can get rid of is oestrogen. It can happen that the oestrogen enters the system of male amphibians through the

skin, and they develop trans-gender characteristics.

### Is there a crisis?

Are we heading for a water shortage cataclysm? Maybe this would be an exaggerated fear, but what the experts amongst our group all seemed determined upon, was the need for openly conducted, expert-driven water planning process that finds the best solution to allay our fears. At this point, Sue used a graphic phrase: "inter-generational inequity" – which means that – over a wide front – we use up resources, and leave a poorer world for the next generation to live on.

### Good news

Finally some really good news: the recycling system is working well. Ellen Joubert pioneered it in 2008 and it is well supported by the Municipality. It now provides gainful employment for four people and pays its own way by selling glass, paper, plastic and metal to the Oudtshoorn based company, Retain Recycle Re-use.

So come on, Prince Albertians, it's so easy: save water and recycle waste!

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## A celebration of our culinary heritage

### *Koekemakranka - Khoi-Khoin-Kultuurgoed en Kom-Kuier-Kos*

by Renata Coetzee

(Photography by Volker Miros;

Published by Lapa)

If there was ever a book that every South African should be obliged to read, then this is the one! It is a beautiful insight into the culinary and cultural heritage of our Khoi-Khoin ancestors. Renata Coetzee is regarded as South Africa's foremost expert on culinary heritage and has published many books on how our cuisine has been shaped and influenced over the centuries.

We have heard how the various colonial settlers introduced their customs from Holland, England and France, how the Malay slaves introduced their exotic and magical flavours, the Indian migrant labourers adding their spicy and fragrant dishes and many more that have shaped

the South African culinary tradition over the centuries. These are all, however, latter day culinary influences that have been added to our very original culinary beginnings and *Koekemakranka* is all about the dawn of our cuisine.

The book is a treasure trove of information regarding edible indigenous plants and tells us of the diversity of 'veldkos' that is staring us in the face as we walk through our gardens or in the veld. Plants that we would not normally give a second glance could be the basis of a delicious salad or a key ingredient in a number of cooked dishes.

Renata Coetzee also weaves some wonderful tales and fables through the book regarding the Khoi-Khoin culture as told by the very descendants themselves as they share this delightful insight related in a beautifully lyrical vernacular.

The book contains a number of recipes and tips for using indigenous herbs and dishes and is full of quirky names such as anyswortel, bokmelk-suringpap, askoek, t'Kwabrood, roosterkoek, suurvytjie, t'samma and noem-noem jam.

This, in my view, is a must-have for any bookshelf and for anyone who would like to delve into the delights of the origins of South African cuisine.

KOEKEMAKRANKA, a delightfully lyrical word that sums up the magic of what awaits the adventurous cook as you browse through this moment in culinary and cultural history.

The book is on sale at the Fransie Pienaar Museum as well as all leading bookstores.

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## Brett the Vet Heard Mentality

With the exception of the death penalty, solitary confinement is the most extreme sanction which may be legally imposed on prisoners. Its adverse effects on health and well-being of those subjected to it, particularly for long periods, can be very serious.'

The child was delighted to show me her birthday present, a bright orange goldfish with a fantail and bulgy eyes, swimming circles in a clear bowl of water no bigger than a human skull. A sensual Piscean oddity trapped in a silent eternity. I once operated on a 30 year old goldfish to remove a tumour and wondered why he had survived for so long because single fish kept in isolation mostly pine to death.

'We go out to work every day and leave her in the garden. The neighbours complain that she barks all day. She digs up plants and chews the furniture. But she gets so excited to see us when we come home in the evenings, and she is content when we are around. She used to scratch on the door to come in at night but now she is used to sleeping outside.'

'For two years my son's male hamster lived alone in his cage fitted out with a maze of plastic pipe tunnels. Every night we could hear him running nowhere on that squeaky wheel and gnawing endlessly on the steel bars. When we put our hands in the cage he would bite our fingers. Why would he want to escape when he had all the food he wanted? I realised only when he died what a sad and lonely life it had been for him.'

'I love the taste of veal, crumbed or with lemon sauce. I don't want to know how the calves are kept because I just can't give up veal. They say the calves are kept in dark barns in small individual crates on slats so that they can't move around, they have no contact with each other, and their diet is deficient in nutrients to make their flesh pale, soft and insipid. Surely nobody could treat a baby animal like that!'

'My husband locked it in there to make it vicious so it will protect the family.' Emerging from a dark pit full of faeces,

## The Panther by Rainer Maria Rilke

*In the Jardin des Plantes, Paris*



From seeing the bars, his seeing is so exhausted that it no longer holds anything anymore. To him the world is bars, a hundred thousand bars, and behind the bars, nothing.

The lithe swinging of that rhythmical easy stride which circles down to the tiniest hub is like a dance of energy around a point in which a great will stands stunned and numb.

Only at times the curtains of the pupil rise without a sound . . . then a shape enters, slips through the tightened silence of the shoulders, reaches the heart, and dies.

no ventilation, no bedding, no water, and no friends, a terrified puppy lunges out into the blinding light and cowers in the flowers by the fence.

A recent, national vote in Switzerland saw a significant 30% of the population vote in favour of giving animals official legal representation. Already the Swiss have lawyers who represent animals. And they have the most enlightened animal welfare laws in the world: Social house hold pets like goldfish, guinea pigs and budgerigars cannot be left alone and must be kept in pairs. Dogs have a legal right to human company and all aspiring dog owners have to take a theoretical and practical training course. This dem-

onstration of national empathy expands on the implicit neutrality of the state, embracing an atmosphere of greater peace and harmony for all creatures.

More people are starting to recognise the sentient nature of all animals and the implications of captivity. Mandatory considerations like the provision of food and water, space and bedding should also include allowances for adequate social interaction according to the needs of each animal. Except for cats, who would like you to think that they are quite happy to be on their own :-)

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## 2012

## ~ Prince Albert beplanning / planning ~

In 2012 sal dit 250 jaar wees vandat die De Beer broers en hul gesinne hier aangekom het om die plaas Kweekvallei te vestig. Die plaasgeboue het gestaan op die grond waar Gay se melkery tans is. As ons kyk na die afdruk van Robert Gordon se skildery, wat in die Fransie Pienaar museum hang, weet ons presies hoe die plaas gelyk het. Teen 1845 was die dorp, Prince Albert gevestig op dieselfde plaas se grond. Die dorp is vernoem na sy hoogheid Prins Albert van Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, wat oorlede is op 14 Desember 1861 – net meer as 150 jaar gelede teen die tyd wat ons 2012 bereik. Ons koerant, *De Prince Albert Vriend*, 'n tweetalige (Engels en Hollands) publikasie, is in 1912 vir die eerste keer uitgegee. In 2012 sal die koerant dus sy 100ste verjaarsdag kan vier, al was daar soms 'n paar onderbrekings met uitgawes gedurende daardie tyd. En... dit sal ons twintigste Olyffees wees!

Dit is dus duidelik dat ons baie het om te herdenk en te vier in 2012. Dit sal ook 'n baie goeie manier wees om Prince Albert te bemark as 'n toeriste bestemming. Die Kultuur Stigting wil graag begin om idees bymekaar te maak oor wat ons kan doen om gedurende 2012 somer 'n lekker klomp geleenthede te reël waarmee ons heeljaar lank kan feesvier. As jy enige voorstelle het, stuur dit asb. per e-pos na [story@storyweaver.co.za](mailto:story@storyweaver.co.za) of bel **Mari du Toit by 023 5411 808**.

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In 2012 it will be 250 years since the de Beer brothers and their families arrived here to establish the farm Kweekvallei. The farm buildings were on the land where Gay's Dairy now stands and we know what the farm looked like because we have a copy of Robert Gordon's painting in the Fransie Pienaar Museum. By 1845 the village of Prince Albert had been established here, named after HRH Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, who died on 14 December 1861 – just over 150 years ago by the time we reach 2012. In 1912 our newspaper *De Prince Albert Vriend*, a bilingual (English and Dutch) publication hit the streets and in 2012 celebrates its centenary, albeit with a few interruptions in publication during that time. And ... it'll be our 20<sup>th</sup> Olive Festival!

Obviously we have lots to commemorate and celebrate in 2012. It will also be a wonderful opportunity to promote Prince Albert as a tourist destination. The Cultural Foundation would like to start gathering ideas about events we might organise for 2012. If you have any suggestions please send them by e-mail to [story@storyweaver.co.za](mailto:story@storyweaver.co.za) or telephone **Mari du Toit at 023 5411 808**.

**MUNISIPALITEIT PRINS ALBERT**

**KENNISGEWING NOMMER 30/2010**  
**VOORGESTELDE AFWYKING VAN DORPSAAN-**  
**LEGSKEMA**  
**BUITEKANTSTRAAT 145, PRINS ALBERT**  
**MNR. CHARLES OLIFANT**

Kennis geskied hiermee ingevolge Artikel 15(1)(a) van Ordonnansie 15 van 1985 dat die Raad 'n aansoek ontvang het vanaf **MNR. CHARLES OLIFANT** vir **VOORGESTELDE AFWYKING VAN DORPSAANLEGSKEMA** vir die **BEDRYF VAN 'N SLAGHUIS (UNCLE CHARLEY'S CASH BUTCHERY)** te **BUITEKANTSTRAAT 145, PRINS ALBERT**.

Nadere besonderhede lê ter insae by die Munisipale Kantoor, Kerkstraat 33, Prins Albert, gedurende kantoor-ure.

Skriftelike besware, indien enige teen die voorstelle, tesame met redes, moet die ondergetekende voor of op **VRYDAG, 25 JUNIE 2010** bereik.

**NAVRAE KAN GERIG WORD AAN: MNR. EDWIN SEPTEMBER**

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**PRINCE ALBERT MUNICIPALITY**

**NOTICE NUMBER 30/2010**  
**PROPOSED DEPARTURE FROM**  
**TOWN PLANNING SCHEME**  
**145 BUIEKANT STREET, PRINCE ALBERT**  
**MR. CHARLES OLIFANT**

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 15(1)(a) of Ordinance 15 of 1985 that the Council has received an application from **MR. CHARLES OLIFANT** for **DEPARTURE FROM THE TOWN PLANNING SCHEME, TO PRACTICE A BUTCHERY, (UNCLE CHARLEY'S CASH BUTCHERY)** at **145 BUIEKANT STREET, PRINCE ALBERT**.

Details of the proposals are available for inspection in the Municipal Offices, 33 Church Street, Prince Albert, during office hours.

Written objections, if any, to the proposals together with reasons, must be lodged with the undersigned not later than **FRIDAY, 25 JUNE 2010**.

**ENQUIRIES CAN BE ADDRESSED TO: MR. EDWIN SEPTEMBER**

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## Museum Overcomes All Odds But Hard Work Lies Ahead



Guest speaker, Ailsa Tudhope, illustrates a point at the Museum's AGM

- Linda Jaquet -

Mary-Anne Botha, Chair of the Fransie Pienaar Museum, had good and bad news for the Museum's Annual General Meeting on 12 May. The museum continues to pay its own way in spite of the halt in funding from the Municipality and from the Piet Basson Trust.

However, Mary-Anne cautioned the well-attended meeting of Friends of the Museum, interested residents and even a visitor from the Netherlands that without secure income the museum could not fully serve the community. In the last year, the Province paid a grant of R23 933.60 to the museum, which also

received greater income than in previous years from sales of produce, the late Helena Marincowitz's publications and witblits.

At the same time, the loss of both the salary bequest by the Piet Basson Trust and the municipal grant was sorely felt. The museum could now no longer budget for a full-time staff member nor could it provide training of new skills. The exhibition of agricultural artefacts was on hold and educational research and outreach into the community was now limited. Mary-Anne stressed that the museum needed to attract new visitors and that it was crucial that its Board be more representative of the community.

She paid tribute to the dedicated volunteers who run the museum and care for the garden. She added "Lydia Barella is the museum. She wears many hats: she curates, markets the museum, does the admin and answers queries".

Prince Albert's Storyweaver, Ailsa Tudhope, was the guest speaker and stimulated the audience with her lively and interesting talk on storytelling. She also talked about her recent visit to the Scottish Storytelling Centre in Edinburgh, the only one of its kind in Great Britain. The centre, which is well funded by the Scottish government, the Edinburgh city council and the lottery, currently celebrates Scotland's rich storytelling heritage. It promotes storytelling as one of the oldest art forms that today is still a vibrant art.

Ailsa described storytelling as a unique

human skill shared between people. It brings the world to life, stimulates the imagination, and builds a sense of community between tellers and listeners. People of different ages, backgrounds, and cultures can communicate through storytelling. Storytelling is also a valuable tool in education, language development, therapy, and in building racial equality and religious respect. So, apart from supporting Scotland's *ceilidh* culture, the centre runs programmes for all ages, igniting the imagination of children and encouraging them to tell their stories and getting older people, who are often marginalised, to share their experiences.

Ailsa pointed out that South Africa was doing quite well in the art of storytelling. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission had given citizens the chance to tell their stories and be healed. Every year, Benoni hosts the Sibikwa Storytelling Festival. In Prince Albert, the late Baba Lekay's stories of Rooikamp have been brought back to life in the Museum's exhibition. The Patchwork Theatre's storytelling has become a regular event at the Olive Festival and Ione Auerswald is recording the stories of elderly residents and every year the town celebrates Library Week.

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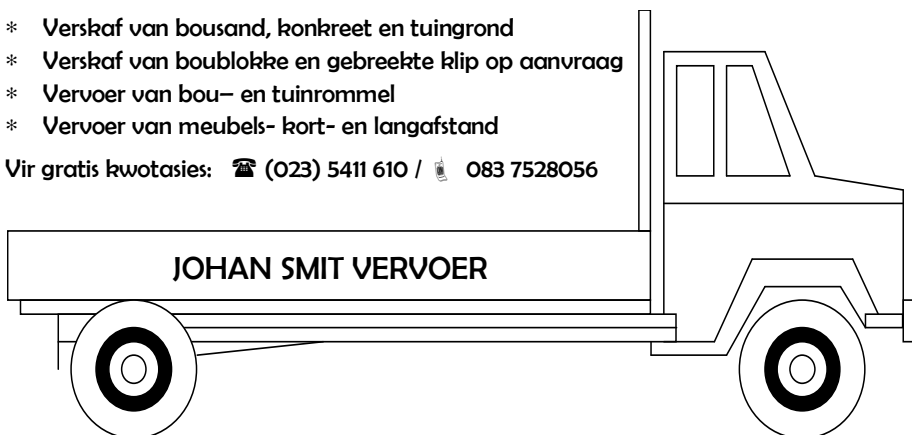


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**JOHAN SMIT VERVOER**



## Chamber of Commerce meets with Municipality

- Sally Arnold -

On 19 April, Sally Arnold and Dr Annelie Rabie of the Prince Albert Chamber of Commerce were invited to attend a Municipal budget information meeting. They were briefed on the proposed rates and taxes in the draft budget and on the new financial system.

A discussion was held on rebates for small, medium and micro enterprises (SMME's). This led to a discussion on the proposed increases in the hospitality industry from 7.5 - 20% due to a raise in municipal rates and taxes on various services. The new rates and taxes will apparently be announced by the municipality.

The following day, the Prince Albert Chamber of Commerce was invited to a meeting between the Prince Albert and Oudtshoorn municipalities to brainstorm around the idea of closer collaboration. Those who attended included Municipal Manager Juanita Fortuin, Judy Begg (Friends of the Swartberg), Di Steyn

(Tourism Exco), Sally Arnold (PA Chamber of Commerce), Mark Februarie and Andrew Meintjies (PA traffic control), Lluwellyn Coetzee and Greg Baartman (Oudtshoorn Municipality, strategy and LDP) and Cyril Clark (Oudtshoorn Tourism marketing). Neels Terblanche attended as a guest of PACC in his capacity as an upmarket tour operator who plans to include PA on his itineraries.

Several issues were discussed in a friendly spirit on how to maintain and market the Swartberg area. As a start, the Prince Albert police asked the Eden Municipality to help procure weigh mats for the control of heavy trucks passing through the town and the valley. The short-term maintenance of the Swartberg Pass, a World Heritage Site, and the future consolidation and care of the pass environment were also discussed.

There was also an interesting exchange of ideas on how Prince Albert and Oudtshoorn could link their marketing strategies for the benefit of all. A cultural

mapping project was proposed that showed a craft and design route around the Swartberg and that would incorporate the existing and well-marketed Eastern Cape and Karoo Mohair Route. There was also talk of better integration of the farming and agricultural communities and on how to develop learnerships and internships for young people.

Other matters discussed were what economic development and small business incentives the Prince Albert Municipality could provide in support of these initiatives. The possibility of twinning Prince Albert with the Canadian town of Prince Albert to add an international dimension and raise the possibility of sponsorships was discussed.

Wrapping up the meeting, both parties agreed to continue exchanging ideas and resources.



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## How you and business can keep safe during the 2010 World Cup



Lisa Smith, Provincial Commissioner of Police Maj-Genl Mzwandile Petros, Dr Luthando Prinsloo, Ronel Fourie, Sally Arnold, Dr Annelie Rabie, at a security briefing for business leaders in the Southern Cape

- Sally Arnold -

Dr Annelie Rabie, who heads Business against Crime in the Western Cape, Lisa Smith of Onse Rus and Sally Arnold of the Prince Albert Chamber of Commerce attended a briefing on 26 April by the Provincial Commissioner of the SAPS, Maj-Genl Mzwandile Petros and his colleagues

Maj-Genl Robberts and Brig Govender, on operational plans for the safety of the southern Cape during South Africa's hosting of the world soccer cup.

This a bigger job than one imagines at first and includes airports, airspace restrictions over training venues, train stations, base camps, training venues and team transport for the Danish, French and

Japanese teams, VIP security, correctional services, bomb sweeping, tourism. Cross border crime is expected and special attention will be given to credit and debit card fraud and to commercial crime.

The speakers emphasised that all events will be monitored by camera and co-ordinated in Cape Town on a 24-hour basis. Only trained, fully-fledged policemen will be on duty.

A special request was made to all business and private people to be on the lookout for credit card fraud at automatic teller machines (ATMs), which can be manipulated by external devices fitted over the card reader, or observed by hidden cameras controlled by devices in nearby parked cars. Card skimming devices are also rampant and people are encouraged to watch carefully while their card is processed for payment at all points of sale, even in apparently harmless areas such as wine tastings and in gardens. Skimming devices are slim plastic card readers, which copy card details. Suspected ATM activities should immediately be reported to the special ATM fraud line at 082 850 9747.

## Belastingbetalers - Wees dankbaar, Moenie Terugsit nie

- PABV-komitee -

Dis baie interessant om "Our Municipality: So far, so very good" *Die Vriend November/Desember 2009 uitgawe*, weer te lees. Die munisipale amptenare was propvol beloftes en voornemens. Het hulle dit gestand gedoen? Miskien is die antwoord – wel, ja en nee, maar daar is baie om voor dankbaar te wees.

'n Onlangse radioprogram (The After Eight Debate – Safm) het aan die lig gebring dat slegs vier persent van Suid-Afrika se rioolaanlegte korrek funksioneer. Dit beteken dat nagenoeg ses-en-negentig persent van die land se rioolaanlegte rou of gedeeltelik behandelde riool in riviere, damme, grondwater-sisteme en moontlik die see stort. Ons het dus baie stof tot dankbaarheid dat ons water uit 'n skoon bergstroom en onbesoedelde boorgate kom. Verder kan

ons dankbaar wees dat ons munisipaliteit nie een van die is wat totaal ineengestort het as gevolg van onbevoegdheid, oneerlikheid of traak-my-nieagtigheid nie. Ons het verder ook geen opstande, afbrand van munisipale kantore of moord op raadslede beleef nie.

Probleme met waterlewering blyk 'n ding van die verlede te wees. Elektrisiteit word deesdae redelik betroubaar gelewer. Die munisipale toerusting verouder egter daaglik. Die stroke langs die paaie is netjies gesny en skoongemaak. Munisipale rekeninge word betyds gelewer. Daar is egter steeds probleme met van die rekeninge, veral op die gebied van eiendomsbelasting van erwe met meer as een erfnommer. Daar is minstens een eienaar wat 'n aparte rekening vir sy oprit kry!

The Ratepayers' Association Committee meets regularly every month with the Municipal Manager and other officials

and these meetings are proving to be worthwhile and productive and show promise of being even more so in the future. However, the lack of some technical skills in municipal departments is still a problem.

We can be grateful for the hard work municipal officials are putting in to improve service delivery and for their co-operation with the Ratepayers Association. However, we must not sit back. There are still areas in which yet more efficiency can justifiably be expected. There is no reason why the Prince Albert Municipality should not be the best in the Western Cape.

Members are reminded that they are welcome to raise any matter of concern/problems/complaints, preferably in writing, with any of the following Committee members. They are Barbara Castle, Hugh Forsyth, André Goosen, Willem Hinkman, André Jaquet and Stefaan Schoeman.

## Die Ongesteelde Granaat

- J P Bester -

So 'n week of wat voor Paasnaweek raak ek 'n bietjie keelvol vir my werksomstandighede in Port Nolloth en besluit ek moet wegkom. Ek sê vir my vrou ons ry Prince Albert toe. Sy bel Dina van der Walt en bespreek by *Laslap*, ons geliefde oorblyhuis.

Ons het ook die gewoonte om in Laingsburg te oornag en toe ons daar by die gastehuis stop, kyk ek vas in 'n granaatboom met mooi groot granate.

"Alexa," sê ek vir my vrou, "vanaand lê ek 'n granaat vas, want ek is so lankal lus daarvoor."

"Vat aan daardie granate," dreig my goeie vrou, "en ek ry huistoe en jy kan maar verder voetslaan."

By die toonbank van die gastehuis moet ons verneem daar is net vir een persoon bespreek. Ons besluit net daar ons ry Prince Albert toe, waar Dina van der



Walt ons glimlaggend verseker ons is altyd welkom, al is ons 'n dag te vroeg.

Ons gaan koop die koerant en wat nog en begin ontspan! Ons eet en lees en slaap. Ek droom van granate. Een dag ry ons oor Klarastroom en De Rust na Oudtshoorn waar ons 'n lekker ete geniet. Ons vat die pad oor die Swartberg, terug na *Laslap*. In my gedagtes eet ek granate. Die Vrydag sê Dina: "Hoekom ry julle

nie uit Vyeplaas toe nie?" Vye is nou wel nie granate nie, dink ek, maar ons vertrek Weltevrede toe. Die omgewing is aangrypend mooi en toe ons deur die plaas *Vrisgewaagd* ry, gaan my hart amper staan: 'n Hele boord vol granaatbome - en die granate hang bloedrooi.

"Hier koop ek vandag granate!" roep ek opgewonde uit en Alexa maak geen kapsie toe ons regs by die plaaswerf indraai nie. 'n Netjiese plaaswerker stap ons fluks tegemoed en vra vriendelik of hy kan help. Net op daardie oomblik ry die eienaar by die werf in. Herman Olivier stel homself voor en ek vra of ons asseblief granate by hom kan koop. Hy gee die werker opdrag om 'n kissie granate in die koelkamer te gaan haal. Ek kry nie eens kans om te vra wat dit kos nie: Dit is gratis. Meneer Olivier het seker gedink ek is 'n bietjie vertraag, want my mond het letterlik oopgehang. Van lus vir granate, en oor die gulhartige vrygewigheid.

'n Paar dinge omtrent die plaas het ons opgeval: die netheid van die werkers, die ordelike arbeidershuise, die manier waarop daar gekommunikeer word.

Ons besoek aan Weltevrede Vyeplaas was ewe interessant. Ons het die heerlikste adamsvye gekoop - wat ons sommer vin-nig opgeëet het. Terug op Prince Albert bring Dina vir ons as bonus nog een yslike bloedrooi granaat. Toe weet ek, as ek daardie granaat op Laingsburg vasgelê het, was ek minus elf granate, so daar wag 'n beloning vir jou as jy ander mense se goed uitlos!

Soveel vriendelike mense het ons paaie gekruis in die agt dae wat ons in Prince Albert gekuier het. Ons het baie goeie herinneringe. Ons waardeer Dina en haar man Niek se vriendskap en ons bly die Oliviers van *Vrisgewaagd* dankbaar dat hulle my granaatlus uiteindelik gestil het!

Hier by die huis het ek nog vyf granate oor. Ek is baie suinig daarmee, maar het dit darem oor my hart gekry om my twee kleinkinders aan 'n vrug bekend te stel wat hulle nog nooit gesien het nie.

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## Clive's Record Unbroken this Year

Strange markings in white paint that appeared on Church Street some days before the end of April sparked a good deal of speculation in our town. Some residents feared that automatic speed traps were about to be installed. Others speculated that the Municipality was about to turn our main drag into a pedestrian sidewalk.

In fact there is a much simpler answer to the puzzle: our olive spitting competition during the Olive Festival required the setting out of precise targets for aspirant record holders.

This year, Clive van Hasselt's record spit of 12.8 metres proved elusive. With Bokkie Botha calmly running the senior and junior events and Marcholine Visagie keeping a record of each contestant's distance, Prince Albert's Andries Marais in the end took home the Clive van Hasselt Memorial trophy as the Best Olive Pip Spitter in 2010. His olive pip landed 7.2 metres from the starting line. Second place went to Clayton Zeelie and third place to Mark Mundell.

Prince Alberters came up trumps in the junior event. Here Linco was the winner



Gay van Hasselt presents the Best Olive Pip Spitter trophy to Andries Marais

with a distance of 6.4 metres, followed by Bradley and Bebapo.

Koos was judged to have had both the Funniest and the Skewest Spit.

Thanks to all sponsors and in particular to SoetKaroo, Swartrivier Olives, Kredouw Farm, Weltevrede and Swartbult fig farms and Karoo Slaghuis, who contributed so generously to the winners' hampers and to the Lazy Lizard for sponsoring the fun prizes.

## Dinner for One, a feast of comedy

- Helen Grant -

When I visited Prince Albert for the Olive Festival I had the good fortune to go to the production of "Dinner for One".

I went in some trepidation knowing that the venue was the Zwartberg High School Hall. School halls from my experience are perforce somewhat stark places singularly lacking in the atmosphere needed to put on light-hearted productions. However, the organisers had managed to make the venue very welcoming with a sumptuous feast of many local delicacies, as well as the recently launched Port au Prince port wine, all of which the audience seemed to enjoy greatly.

"Dinner for One", which was directed by

Di van der Riet Steyn, was also a delightful surprise. Mark Steyn, who played the butler, James, put on a consummately excellent performance with perfect timing, which is so necessary for comedy. Ailsa Tudhope, who acted Miss Sophie, was a pleasing counterfoil to Mark's ever more frenetic "drunken" gyrations around the table. Both actors acted their parts clearly and audibly without stridency or harshness.

The set and costumes were simple, but sufficient for a comedic performance where the focus should be on the actors.

All in all a charming evening, which the audience enjoyed and will be fondly remembered by all who attended. My final word is that those who failed to attend this entertainment really missed a delightful event.

## A salute to a supportive community

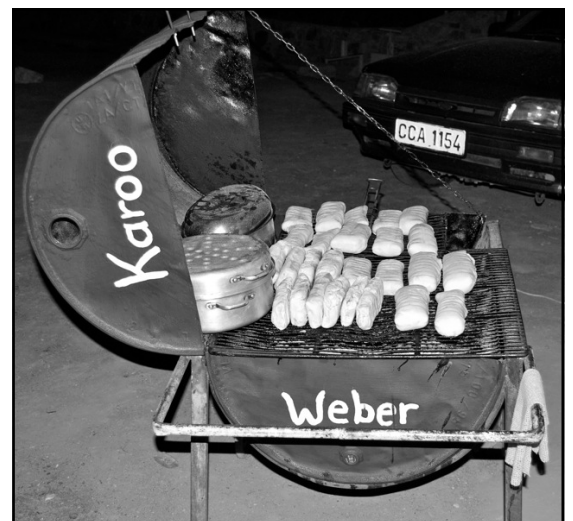
Di Steyn whose boundless energy and enthusiasm were behind the success of "Dinner for One" was generous in her thanks to everyone involved in the production and in hosting the evenings during the Olive Festival: "Thank you to Ailsa and Mark for spending the evenings practising and making this a piece of theatre not to be forgotten. You were brilliant!"

"What a wonderful couple of evenings we had during the Olive Festival" Di said. "The spread looked beautiful and the visitors were suitably impressed by our Prince Albert products. Kelims and carpets in the foyer and hall and candlelight on the tables created the Victorian atmosphere. On Friday night the guests were served by smartly dressed Miernes parents and on Saturday Imke Maeyer was helped by the Albert College students, who also participated on Wednesday evening's show with Patchwork Theatre's short story "Red Riding Hoodie" and assisted in creating some of the props for the show."

"Thanks too to everyone who attended the play. We raised R1000.00 for Bambino Crèche with which we bought crayons and paper, mugs and plates and fleecy blankets from PEP. Thank you to PEP for donating an extra blanket. Thank you too, to Mavis Aggett, Dennehof, the Maeyers and the Tissimans for their kind donations. The Albert College children helped shop and then delivered the booty to Bambino Crèche on Friday during school. We also raised R4200.00 for Miernes play school and R3600.00 for Hoërskool Zwartberg."

"But most importantly, a huge thanks you to our sponsors for the generous gifts of wine, cheese, figs and olive products. Bergwater Cellar Wines, Gay's Dairy Cheeses, Karoo Olives, Karoo Virgin, Karusa Wines, Port-au-Prince, Prince Albert Olives, Swartrivier Olives, Weltevrede Fig Farm and Museum's Witblitz, we salute you! This is what our community does so well."



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## OLYFFEES 2010 - 'N GROOT SUKSES



## Young Stars of the Festival



Miss Baba O'lyfie, Karmilla Kiara Lewis and Mr Baba O'lyfie, Waldo Herselman

Always a popular event, this year's Mej en Mnr O'lyfie pageant attracted plenty of entrants as well as an excited crowd of proud and hopeful parents and festival goers.

There were cries of Ooh! and Aah! and Ag, cute! as the young contestants, some smiling, some not and some clearly perplexed, encouraged by Mums, Dads, Oumas and Oupas, walked up and down the modelling

ramp. Master of Ceremonies Di Steyn gently coaxed some to do a twirl or two, as the judges, Debbie Mooneys, Sandy Bower and Yvette Breedt, had the tough job of deciding who would be the winners of the Baba O'lyfie competition for one to three year olds and who from the three to five year olds would be the Festival's Mej en Mnr O'lyfie 2010.

After a nail-biting interlude while the judges discussed their choices and tallied their scores, the winners were announced: three year old Karmilla Kiara Lewis and Waldo Herselman, who is just over a year old, were declared this year's Miss and Mr Baba O'lyfie. Talisa Windvoël and Raymond Baaitjies, both five years old, were crowned Mej en Mnr O'lyfie.

Once again, the pageant was well supported by local businesses that contributed towards wonderful prizes for the winners, a gift for each participant and for the judges. A special thanks to Lah-di-dah, Olienhof Cottages, Laslap, Sommerso, Kleinerus, Bergwater Wine Estate and Vergeet-My-Niet for your generous donations.

## Patchwork Theatre's Story Telling



The enthusiastic cast of Ali Coglia and the Merchant of Baghdad

- Christopher Mullins and Caleb Swanepoel -

It was that time of year again; the time for Patchwork Theatre's annual story telling at the Olive Festival.

We had three brilliant stories, which we all enjoyed acting in, - Meet Your Match, Ali Coglia and the Merchant of Baghdad, and Little Red Hoodie - great food, and a very enthusiastic audience who participated well.

Just before our first show, everyone was nervous and going over their words for one last time. We then started off our show with a song, after which our worries went away and we were lost in the moment, doing what we do best, acting.

We were very confident that our second show would be even better than the first one, but just then, Michy said, "There aren't enough chairs for everyone; it looks like it's more than a full house tonight!" Suddenly everyone was going over their words again.

The highlight of our story telling was by far our performance of Little Red Hoodie, a skit on the children's story Little Red Riding hood.

In the end we all enjoyed it and hope to get the opportunity to do it again next year.



## Wither or Whither the Food Garden Project?



The 'Food (vegetable) Garden' project, was originally planned as a food-security measure open to all township dwellers to supplement and improve basic nutrition. It has developed into something entirely different. A three metre fence topped with razor wire has been installed around about a hectare of cleared ground, two water tanks on stands wait to be supplied by water from a new borehole and a pump activated by twin solar panels. An irrigation system with nine stand-pipes has been installed. Instead of the wider benefit

intended for needy township dwellers, nine chosen beneficiaries/recipients (the selection process has not been disclosed) are now waiting "for the government to come and plough the land and give them the seed". In the meantime, the ground has been denuded of plant cover and remains totally bare. The question is: how long will it be before the garden comes into production?

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## FOOD GARDEN MONITOR

- 8.05.09 : Dept. of Agricultural allocation of R250 000 available for current year.
- BADISA obtains costings for fencing and infrastructure.
- Progress halted in October 2009 over selection of beneficiaries.
- Fence and water system completed.
- Lease agreement with current 9 beneficiaries unknown.
- Proportion of profits to be ploughed back into the 'soup kitchen' unknown.
- Municipality now controls funding. BADISA requires formal agreement with Municipality and Dept of Agriculture in order to become a willing participant.
- Meantime the ploughed land awaits the first seed planting.

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Die Linden-koor het 'n trotse tradisie van uitstaande optredes en is die wenners van 'n veeltal toekennings op nasionale en streeksvlak.

Die koor gaan 'n optrede om 10h00 op 24 Junie 2010 in Huis Kweekvallei doen. Almal in die gemeenskap is welkom om die optrede verniet te kom bywoon.

Na die optrede sal die jong koorlede die Museum, die Gallery en die Wewery besoek.

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'n Baie groot DANKIE aan almal wat ons in 2009 ondersteun het, dit het 'n reuse verskil gemaak en ons sien uit om weer van julle te hoor.

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## André Rieu in Cape Town – Unforgettable!

- Renee Finn & Jeanette de Lange -

There we were, seven, very excited friends, five from Prince Albert, standing in the foyer of Grand West Arena, clutching our rather large programmes, waiting to be shown into the hall. We had been waiting for that moment for six months! Now we would be part of André Rieu's South African tour.

The arena seats 6000 and seemed enormous. The stage had a background of a night sky with myriad twinkling stars and there were two huge screens on each side of the auditorium, so that everyone could see what was happening.

André Rieu is known for his punctuality so exactly on the hour the music swelled and there was the man himself with violin and bow in one hand, waving to the audience as he walked down the aisle to the strains of "76 Trombones," his orchestra following. The magic of music had begun and it was thrilling to be part of it. Ever-charming, he welcomed everyone and told us the Cape Town audiences were the best in the world.

The programme included many familiar favourites, including waltzes, for André's heart beats to 3/4 time, but there were some surprises. "Roses from the South" swept us up into waltz time. Then three familiar faces came on stage: the Platin Tenors to sing "La Danza" by Rossini and "Non ti scordar di me" by Curtis. Leon van Wyk, trombonist, then played a lively tango by M. Malando: "Olé Guapa," on his accordion.

"Il Canio" (Spanish Bull) followed. André commented that he hoped no-one was wearing red. The "bull" came down the aisle, spotted a person in a bright red flowing dress and went for her. She fled towards an entrance with the bull in hot pursuit!

Many people come to South Africa to buy gold and diamonds but André said he had discovered a black diamond and on came a beautiful girl in a white gown. He introduced Kimmy Skota, who sang "Ave Maria" with a diamond clear soprano

voice. She is the product of the UCT Opera School and will tour Europe with the orchestra. We felt very proud of our South African jewel.

A tribute to Michael Jackson followed as André performed "Ben" on his Stradivarius. Another South African product: the Bloemfontein Children's Choir, with Australian soprano Merusia Louwerstein as soloist, performed "Heal the World" and received a standing ovation.

"The Blue Danube" had people out of their seats, dancing in the aisles. After a few moments of silence the strains of, was it? ... Yes... "Sarie Marais," flowed from André's violin, and we all proudly sang along with the orchestra. How good our "old girl" sounded, played so sensitively. After all these years I came to realise what a lone lament it is.

The moment I shall always remember was when the night sky backdrop faded into a burning red African sunrise, a lone Acacia tree standing in the darkened veld. To the sound of African drums, on came Kimmy Skota, dressed in a bright green tribal dress and turban, followed by the choir and Merusia Louwerstein. Kimmy sang "My African Dream" like I had never heard it before. There was such emotion that the audience rose towards the end and we stood with tears in our eyes. On the big screens we could see André with tears running down his cheeks. It was almost unbearably beautiful. I am sure Kimmy will stun European audiences with that song.

P.S. André is sponsoring a Hout Bay music training project and he will be back in Cape Town in March 2011, performing on The Parade!

Sien is glo – maar om te beleef is veel meer. Voór die aanvang van die uitvoering, is rolstoel besoekers, deur die casinopersoneel, ontvang en na 'n spesiale gereserveerde aria gestoot – reg voor die verhoog sonder enige belemmering van sig. Vanuit 'n sydeur is 'n bedlêpasiënt ingestoot – ook voor die verhoog om sonder moeite te kon sien, ervaar en beleef.

Hierdie beplanning is deel van André Rieu se karakter. Getuigenis van Nederlanders wat ons dorp besoek en vertel.

Tydens sy inter-aksie met die gehoor deel hy die effek en uitwerking wat musiek nog altyd op die mens gehad het – ek haal aan: "... and music can even heal..."

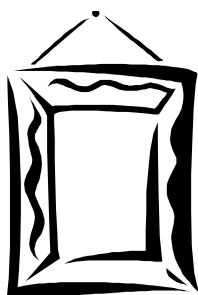
Hy gaan voort deur die gehoor te vertel van Manú, een van die veelsydige musikante, o.a. fluit, kitaar, doedelsak. Vir drie jaar het Manú borskanker geveg, sy is tans in remissie. In antwoord op wat André gesê het, staan sy op en die sielsnote van "Amazing Grace" vul die saal...

Vir elke persoon wat die kankerpad ken spreek dié optrede boekdele!

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## Municipality Acts on Illegal Shops

- Linda Jaquet -

The Municipality is considering a temporary moratorium on the further opening of shops in the residential areas of Prince Albert. This follows an incident in April when residents in Ronds-krik objected to the opening of a shop in a house in the neighbourhood. The potential shopkeeper, who was from outside South Africa, reportedly paid the elderly homeowner R10 000 for his home. The old man, according to his neighbours, had no other dwelling place to go to.

Since then, the Municipality has closed several shops that have not had permission to operate a business in a residential

area. Mr September, the Municipality's Community Services Manager, told the *Friend* that the Municipality was sensitive to the impact that the closing of the shops may have on residents and hence would work to find a solution.

September stressed that owners of RDP houses were not allowed to sell or rent out their homes for eight years after moving in. If they did so they would not qualify again for such housing. He said that he understood the temptation of being offered cash for homes and asked that residents first come to the Municipality before considering giving up their homes. He welcomed the fact that the vast majority of residents were homeowners and house-proud.

## Municipality donates to local schools

- Linda Jaquet -

Every year the Prince Albert Municipality donates funds to schools in the municipal district. There are no strings attached, only the stipulation that the money serve the needs of the learners.

In January, the municipality donated R5000.00 each to Hoërskool Zwartberg and Prince Albert Primêr. In April, it was the turn of the nursery schools in Prince Albert, Bambino, Wildekanisland and Miernes and Friskies on the nearby farm, Vrisgewaagd. Each received R1500.00, as did Leeu-Gamka Primêre Skool, Klaarstroom Primêre Skool and the primary school at Seekoegat. Donations were also made to the crèches Babel en Krabbel and Amenity at Leeu-Gamka and Mickey Mouse crèche at Klaarstroom.

### Brokkiesnuus / News Briefs

- Construction of a new pavilion at the Odendaal Sports Ground is due to start soon. The lottery is funding the R350 000.00 project.
- The Prince Albert People's Skills Development Trust (PAPST) will assist Beatrice Kok to complete her studies as a personal care assistant at Emmanuel Nursing College in Oudtshoorn.

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## The Patchwork Dolls Sewing Group



The Patchwork Dolls listen intently to Peggy Ings (far right)

- Joan Dean -

The Patchwork Dolls had a special experience when quilting genius Peggy Ings visited us for two days in April. Peggy was invited to Prince Albert by her long-time friend Jeanette de Lange.

What a wonderful sewing opportunity we all had. Peggy is an amazing teacher, showing us how to do reverse quilting, appliqué and hexagons. Peggy patiently dealt with all our questions and problems

with such kindness and care and proved to be the best person to teach beginners like us about quilting. We each made a reversible quilting block which thrilled everyone as now we can start making our own quilts.

On behalf of all the members I would like to convey our sincere appreciation to Peggy. We enjoyed the workshops so much that we have to invite Peggy back again and again!

-Zelia Mullins-

Regular Saturday morning "markie" goers will have noticed a few changes to the market area next to the museum.

About two years ago the Tourism EXCO decided that it would be wonderful to erect some more permanent stalls to the market, which has become a real tourism attraction. Regular stallholders were consulted on their thoughts and ideas and John Whitton was approached to draw the plans which he willingly did *pro bono*. The plans were submitted to the Municipality but unfortunately funds were not available to proceed with the project.

This year the Tourism EXCO took the initiative and decided to go ahead with

## A Spruced Up 'Markie'



The Markie is a popular meeting place on Saturdays and the new stalls offer shelter from the elements

the proposed upgrade. Bertus van der Spuy was called upon to help and within two weeks and just in time for the Olive Festival, we had nine new stalls, which look absolutely stunning.

## Drug Bust in Prince Albert

- Linda Jaquet -

Following a tip-off from the community, the Prince Albert Police searched a home in Botterblomstraat and found 16kg of dagga and 153 mandrax tablets hidden in the ceiling. According to the SAPS, the confiscated drugs were valued at over R29 000.

The homeowner and two other people were arrested and at the time of writing they were being held in custody in Prince Albert on charges of dealing in dagga and mandrax.

Capt Claassen, Station Commander, appealed to residents to come to the police with information should they be aware of any wrongdoing.



The financial burden was made easier by a sponsorship received from Johannes Jonkers, Regional Tourism Officer, on behalf of the Central Karoo District Municipality.

The "markie" is further enhanced every week when Albert College students, Christopher Mullins and Caleb Swane-poel give up some of their free time to put out tables, chairs and umbrellas so that visitors and locals can sit back and enjoy the local delicacies, arts and crafts that are on offer.

The Tourism Office is excited about holding Prince Albert's first "Moonlit Market" on **Friday, 25 June 2010** from 18h00. Should you be interested in participating as a stallholder, kindly contact the Tourism Office on 023 541 1366 or [princealberttourism@intekom.co.za](mailto:princealberttourism@intekom.co.za)

## Canticum Novum to Sing in Prince Albert



The acclaimed Stellenbosch choir, Canticum Novum, will perform in Prince Albert in July

- André Jaquet -

On Sunday evening, 4 July, our VGK church will host an exciting evening of beautiful music thanks to the *Canticum Novum* choir from Stellenbosch that is visiting Prince Albert as part of its annual tour, this year to Bloemfontein. The choir consists mainly of students, young working people and

older people who are young at heart. Last year the choir celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> birthday and is looking forward to performing in Prince Albert for the first time.

Students told *The Friend* that Prince Albert will be their first stop and they can't wait to kick off the tour in our picturesque and friendly town. The choir sings in all kinds of halls and spaces but

prefers a church and our Ds Nico Cloete graciously offered his church. The singing service starts at 18h00 and there is no entrance fee.

The choir is the only one of its kind in South Africa as it consists of mostly students singing only sacred music. In March every year, it performs choral and orchestral works at the music Conservatorium in Stellenbosch. This year they performed Mozart's Requiem. On this current tour the choir will perform works by Rachmaninov, Rheinberger, Bruckner, Thompson, Scarlatti and compositions by their own Pieter van der Westhuizen, who was the choir's previous conductor.

The present conductor, Louis van der Watt, is a violin lecturer at the Conservatorium in Stellenbosch and has been with the choir for 16 years. People of all walks of life are brought together by a shared love of music and singing. Through their sacred music repertoire they stay true to their motto: *cantate domino* – 'sing to praise the Lord'.

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## Garden Club Outing with Renu-Karoo



Sue Goosen (r) and Marie April (l) whose garden was on the Olive Festival's Open Gardens tour

- P A Garden Club Committee -

For May's meeting the Garden Club was privileged to have Sue and Richard Dean from Renu-Karoo tell us about dry land invasive alien plants, in particular ones that we find in and around Prince Albert. These are plants that have been introduced into southern Africa, either intentionally or unintentionally, and which have become naturalised i.e. are capable of reproducing and spreading without the aid of mankind. Alien plant invaders are generally regarded as naturalised species that are capable of penetrating and replacing indigenous vegetation. They threaten both agricultural productivity and natural ecosystems.

Beginning with Cactus, Sue directed us to the koppie across the road from Dennehof. From the side of the road we were horrified to see the extent of the invasion growing on the side of the koppie. She then pointed out such varieties as queen of the night, organ cactus, jointed cactus, kabel turksvy, *Cylindropuntia*, and varieties of prickly pear. Just some of the 30 varieties of Cactus that now exist in South Africa, all of which have their origins in South and Central America. It was quite evident how easily such plants propagate.

We then followed in our cars to two

other locations where Cactus invasion is rampant like the vacant stand on the corner of Mark and Magrieta Prinsloo streets and an area at the end of Toegangspad.

The public needs to know that no Cactus is indigenous to South Africa. As they are all extremely invasive aliens we should not only avoid planting Cactus but should try to eliminate them. The drastic method of burning the Cactus is probably the most effective way. Cactus invasion has become a big problem in the western Cape.

On a more positive note we then visited the four award-winning gardens in North End that participated for the first time in the Open Gardens and Homes tour of the Olive Festival. A gesture of thanks on behalf of the Garden Club was made to the homeowners concerned.

The outing culminated appropriately at the Prickly Pear for tea and sandwiches where Sue showed us specimens of other invasive aliens. The trees, shrubs and grasses listed below are not necessarily on dry land but are found along riverbanks, roadsides, rocky outcrops, and kloofs - anywhere in fact, including in our gardens! We need to be aware of such plants and if they are growing on our properties, to keep them under control.

*Prosopis glandulosa* (Honey mesquite)  
*Schinus molle* (Pepper tree)  
*Schinus terebinthifolia* (Brazilian pepper tree)  
*Ligustrum ovalifolium* (common Privet)  
*Ligustrum japonicum* (Japanese wax-leaved Privet)  
*Melia azedarach* (Syringa or Persian lilac)  
*Eucalyptus camaldulensis* (Red river gum)  
*Cotoneaster franchetii* & *C. pannosus* (Cotoneaster)  
*Pyracantha angustifolia* (Firethorn)  
*Nerium oleander* (Oleander)  
*Agave americana* (Garingboom)  
*Agave sisalana* (sisal)  
*Atriplex nummularia* (old man saltbush)  
*Atriplex lindleyi* (blasiesoutbos)  
*Pennisetum setaceum* (fountain grass)

A sincere thanks to Sue and Richard for their time and information.

## Zwartberg 200 Club Winners

The lucky winners of the Zwartberg 200 Club draw at the end of April were:

1<sup>st</sup> André de Wit  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Dianna Koorts  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Sonja Mckenna

Once again, thank you to all the "old" members who renewed their membership this year and welcome to the new ones.

This fundraiser plays a huge part in the large sum the school has to raise this year. If anyone would like to join us, it is Never Too Late! Please call Di Steyn on 0829372978 for details.

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- Christine Snyman -

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Ons geniet Oudtshoorn en keer terug na Prince Albert om ons mense met nuwe kennis te ondersteun.

Februarie begroet ons gou en die toktokies begin met hulle bydrae van deur tot deur. Weereens word ons mense nie met leë hande weggestuur nie, en ons dankbaarheid ken geen perke nie.

Maart breek aan en met 'n ongekende ywer word ons jaarlikse Sanlam-Kansa gholfdag beplan. Die spyskaart bestaan

uit braaivleis, wors, krummelpap, slaai, tuisgebakte brode met konfynt en kaas. Skenkings word met oop hande gegee en ons dames kan voorberei vir die groot dag.

Met die hulp van die Prince Albert Gholfsklub se bestuur en die Kansa komiteede is die aand 'n reuse sukses met 'n bedrag wat ons met 'n verrassing begroet. Baie dankie aan al die mense wat dit moontlik gemaak het.

As Kansa voorsitter van Prince Albert wil ek graag 'n beroep op ons mense doen om asb by Kansa te registreer indien u met kanker gediagnoseer is. Ons kan u net ondersteun indien u by ons geregistreer is. Maak ook asb van ons Kansa toetse deur die jaar gebruik - dit is in u eie belang.

Enige navrae kan aan my gerig word indien daar onsekerheid is.  
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Wildekanisland kleuterskool wil graag vir Bodo Toelstede hartlik bedank vir nege jaar se onbaatsugtige hulp as beskermheer.

Bodo het groot pogings geloods om fondse vir die skool te help in ten bate van die gemeenskap se kinders. Ons opregte waardering daarvoor en ons glo die ouers wie daarby gebaat het waardeer dit ook met dankbaarheid. Dit is 'n groot werk en nie enigeen is bereid om dit te doen nie.

Graag wens ons vir Bodo en Gudrun 'n baie geseende "tweede aftrede" toe te same met goeie gesondheid.

Baie dankie dat jy ons skool so goedgesind was, ons waardeer dit.

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## Sandra Prinsloo kom na Jans Rautenbach Schouwburg

- Denise Ohlson -

Kultuur is hoog op die agenda by die Jans Rautenbach Schouwburg in De Beerstraat. Laetitia van Dyk, eienaar van dié teater in De Beerstraat, het pas bevestig dat sy Sandra Prinsloo na Prince Albert bring met die eenvrouvertoning *Die Naaimasjien*.

Ná vele onderhandelings is die datum bepaal vir Saterdag 23 en Sondag 24 Oktober. Daar word nou al agter die skerms gewerk om die produksiespan te kan huisves en te verseker dat die gewilde opvoering ook in Prince Albert 'n uitverkoop-geleentheid gaan wees.

Laetitia het ook die teater tydens die Olyffees oopgestel vir die twee filmvertonings wat die Prince Albert Kultuurvereniging aangebied het. Dié plesierige ervaring het die Kultuur-



Die Jans Rautenbach Schouwburg in De Beerstraat vorm deel van die oorspronklike gebou wat Prince Albert se eerste bioskoop gehuisves het.

vereniging aangespoor om verder te delf in die argiefskat van Afrikaanse films. Gedurende Julie, Augustus en September gaan die Schouwburg weer sy deure oopgooi vir die vertoon van films deur erkende en geliefde Suid-Afrikaanse filmmakers soos Jamie Uys, Jans Rautenbach, Emil Noval en Katinka Heyns.

Prince Alberters kan hulle maar klaarmaak om lekker te lag vir die mannewales van Al Debbo en Frederik Burgers, om *Daar doer in die Bosveld* weer te beleef en saam trane af te vee in *Debbie*.

Die klanktoerusting en apparaat in die mooie Schouwburg is van hoogstaande gehalte, die akoestiek is uitstekend - en dan is daar ook nog die imponerende kunswerke in die portaal en selfs in die teater, waar Wendy Malan se portretstudies van bekende sterre soos Len Lindeque, Jill Kirkland, Cobus Rossouw en Hermien Dommissie bydra tot die atmosfeer.

Kuns en kultuur staan sterk in Prince Albert - hou maar die plakkaat dop wat oral te sien sal wees. Kaartjies (wat 'n glas wyn sal insluit), sal by die toerismeburo te koop wees.

## Namibian Independence Remembered



Members of the South African team that negotiated the independence of Namibia twenty years ago had a reunion in Prince Albert towards the end of April to reflect on and celebrate their success.

These negotiations ended the war on the border of Namibia and Angola, led to the withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola

and enabled the eventual negotiated end of apartheid in South Africa.

Most of the now-retired government officials were accompanied by their spouses, who had kept the home fires burning while they were involved in years of negotiations in various world capitals.

In Prince Albert, the group went stargazing with Astro Tours, were treated to Karoo

hospitality and cuisine at Drieriviere by Johanna Luttig and Madri Rossouw and brunched in style at African Relish. African Relish's celebrity chef, Vanie Padayachee (c), provided some light relief by showing the group how to make a perfect Eggs Benedict.

*"The whole Mediterranean, the sculpture, the palm, the gold beads, the bearded heroes, the wine, the ideas, the ships, the moonlight, the winged gorgons, the bronze men, the philosophers - all of it seems to rise in the sour, pungent taste of these black olives between the teeth. A taste older than meat, older than wine. A taste as old as cold water."*

Lawrence Durrell (1912-1990)  
Prospero's Cell (1945)



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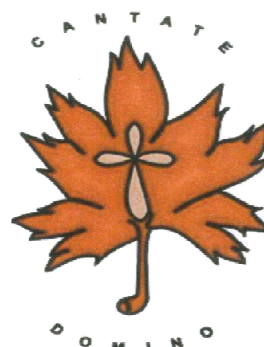
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## ‘n Ma is elke kind se held



Aandoening en vreugde is duidelik op die gesigte van deelnemers en toeskouers by Diana Koorts se spesiale Moedersdagkonsert by Hoërskool Zwartberg (Foto's: Ellen Joubert)



- Denise Ohlson -

Vir Moedersdag het Diana Koorts, graad 2 én 3 juffrou by Hoërskool Zwartberg, kragte saamgespan met haar hulpjuffrou, Bianca Luttig, en ‘n “Madag” aangebied vir die 44 mammas van hul leerders. Uit klasfondse is die heerlikste, mooiste, pienkste koekies opgedis en elke teetafel is versier met blomme en gelamineerde kaarte vol lewenswysheid (sien voorbeeld in kassie hierby).

Die mammas se trots was tasbaar toe die

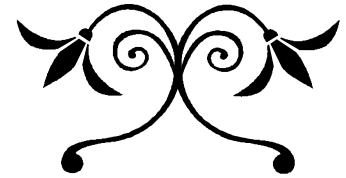
kinders so pragtig (individueel en in ‘n koor) opsê: Mý ma is meeeeer werd as al die olievelde in Irak... Mý ma het tién paar hande en viér oë – en nog twee agter in haar kop! Dis net ‘n mamma wat ‘n negejarige kan kry om te bad...wat soentjies gee wat álles gesond kan maak; wat áltyd ‘n nat lappie byderhand het...

Die leerders het ‘Die Skepping van die Vrou’ met pittige en insiggewende dialoog opgevoer, maar toe die lied met die woorde “Mamma, jy is die held in my verhaal” opklink, het emosies die oor-

hand gekry. Sniesies is op die verhoog gedeel en in die gehoor het van die mammas aangedaan saamgehuil.

Elke kind het vir sy ma ‘n selfgemaakte kaartjie kom oorhandig met “Ode aan liefdevolle Ma’s” daarop gedruk, en die funksie is afgesluit toe elke ma deur haar eie kind met tee bedien is.

Die skool en die dorp is bevoorreg om opvoeders en leerders van hierdie kaliber te hê en dis jammer dat elke inwoner nie daar kon wees om in die besondere atmosfeer te deel nie. Eerder as die mooiste huise, die beste etes, die duurste sporttoerusting, kamers vol opvoedkundige speelgoed en geld vir ekstra klasse, is die boustene in die graad 2 en 3 klasse aandag, geduld, geloof en liefde.



Here, die vrou in Spreuke 31  
klink vir my soos ‘n Supervrou!

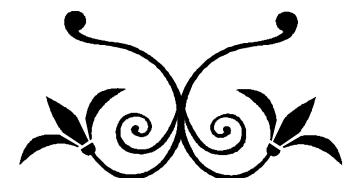
Veral vers 17 wat lees:

“Sy pak die wêreld aan met krag,  
Haar hande staan vir niks verkeerd nie.”  
Vandag werk vroue nie meer op spinwiele nie,  
En maak ook nie noodwendig klere nie.  
Ons werk in fabriek, skole en kantore...  
Ons lig ons standpunte in raadsale;  
Vanmiddag ry ons taxi vir die kinders:  
Vanaand maak ons aandete  
En versorg ons gesinne...  
Vyfuur môreoggend is ons veronderstel om  
In die gym te wees om ons magies plat  
En ander dele dop te hou

Klink dit nie vir U  
na ‘n bietjie baie gevra nie?

Ek is nie ‘n supervrou nie, Here!  
Ek kan nie alles doen nie,  
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Onlangs het die Verenigde Christelike Studente Vereniging (VCSV) se "Roadshow" deur die Karoo getoer. Meer as twintig skole is besoek, onder andere, Prince Albert Primêr en Hoërskool Zwartberg.

Vir die afgelope agt jaar werk Marius Jones, die projektebestuurder in samewerking met die WKOD en Veilige Skole Suid-Kaap om jong mense te help teen dwelm en alkoholmisbruik. Marius en sy veldwerker, Elmer Bantom, het die leerders op hul tone gehou met 'n interessante en opgewekte 'show'.

Die basiese boodskap aan leerders was dat hulle, ten spyte van al hul maatskaplike en persoonlike probleme, bo alles kan uitstyg indien hul 'inhoud' in hul menswees het. Sigarette, drank en dwelms bied net meer probleme, eerder as die ontvlugting wat dit in die begin stadium belowe. 'n Verhouding met die

Here en die wete dat elke persoon baie werd is en 'n positiewe bydrae tot die samelewing kan lewer, sal 'n jongmens die krag gee om nie te krummel onder groepsdruk nie.

Die leerlingraad het ook onder hul leiding 'n leierskapkamp bygewoon wat hulle baie geniet het en leersaam gevind het.

Die VCSV bied ook emosionele ondersteuning aan leerders deur middel van een-tot-een gesprekke. Hul kan gekontak word by die hoofkantoor in Stellenbosch by 021 887 0212 rakende jeugprogramme of kampe.



## Prince Albert Primêr Biblioteeknuus

Ons biblioteek is nou oop vir leerders en opvoeders. Bianca Lekay is ons biblioteekassistent wat sorg dat die biblioteek heeldag en ook na skool oop is. Baie dankie aan Reinie, Betta en Jenetta van die Munispale biblioteek wat Bianca touwys gemaak het. Sy is reeds druk besig om leerders te help om inligting te vind vir hul assesseringstake.

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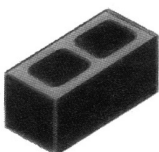
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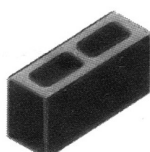
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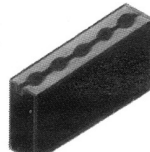
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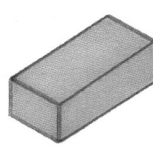
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## Graad 8's kuier by Renu-Karoo



Graad 8A in die Renu-Karoo Kwekery

- Sadé Cowley -

Op 17, 19 en 20 Mei is Renu-Karoo Veld Restoration daaglik vir twee ure deur die graad 8 Natuurwetenskap leerders van Prince Albert Primêr, onder leiding van Jacobus Minnaar, besoek. Dr Sue Milton-Dean, een van die eienaars van die besigheid, is al sewentien jaar betrokke by dié skool.

Hierdie jaar is 'n interaktiewe program aangebied waarby die hele Renu-Karoo span (Wilfred Luttig, Jasmine Pienaar, Maxoline Jaftha en Caroline van der Ross) betrokke was, met lesings wat aangebied is deur Sue Milton-Dean, Willem Matthee, Sadé Cowley en Maraai Isaacs. Verskillende onderwerpe was behandel, met die klem op die belangrikheid van plante en diere vir die welstand van die aarde.

Willem, mede natuurbewaring student, het 'n paar van sy kleiner gewerwede en ongewerwede vriende (van paddas tot toktokkies, en honderdpote tot pad-

davisse) saamgebring om die verskille tussen dié twee groepe te illustreer. Maraai het haar groen vingers gebruik om 'n demonstrasie oor die maak van steggies te gee.

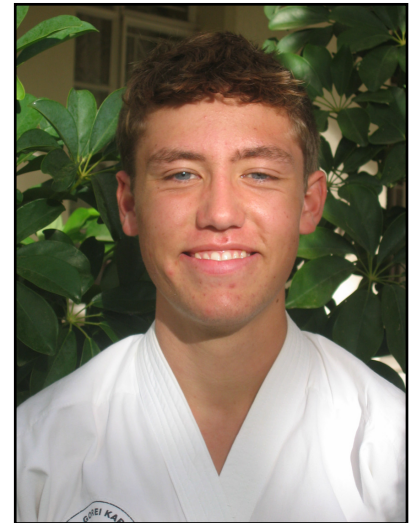
Daarna was dit die leerders se beurt om te wys wat hulle geleer het deur 'n toetsie te voltooi. Na al die harde werk is hulle met koeldrank, koekies en 'n toer deur die kwekery beloon.

Elke dag is die vier beste toetsie op grond van kreatiwiteit en volledigheid van antwoorde gekies, en die winners kon elk 'n plant kies om huis toe te neem. Elke dag was 'n leerskool vir beide die leerders en die Renu-Karoo span.

Ons dank aan Rufford Small Grants for Nature Conservation vir borging wat Renu-Karoo se studente help ondersteun.

*Sadé Cowley is 'n NMMU Natuur-bewaring student by Renu-Karoo Veld Restoration cc.*

## Dicky McKnight verwerf Swart Gordel



Dicky McKnight, 'n graad 10-leerder aan Hoërskool Zwartberg, het vanjaar sy swart gordel in karate verwerf o.l.v. Sensei, Harry Pieterkasky as lid van die SA Gorei Karate dissipline.

Dit is 'n besondere prestasie, aangesien Dicky ook binnekort as 'n internasionale swart gordel karateka geregistreer kan word. Baie geluk, Dicky!

## Splinternuwe geel fietse vir PAP

Nuwe fiets is enige kind se begeerte en toe daar laas week 40 blink nuwe fietse by Prince Albert Primêr afgelaai is, kon die leerders hul opgewondenheid skaars beteel. Die WKOD het die fietse aangekoop vir leerders wat vêr van die skool af bly.

Elke leerder wat 'n fiets ontvang het se ouers moes 'n onderneming teken dat slegs die leerder die fiets mag gebruik en dat die fiets mooi opgepas moet word. Leerders sal ook opleiding ontvang oor veilige padverbruik en moet hul valhelms dra. Mnr Julies sal die fietse dikwels inspekteer en sorg dat hulle in top werkende toestand bly.

Ons doen ook 'n beroep op al die motorbestuurders in Prince Albert om stadiger te ry en bewus te wees van voetgangers en fietsryers.



### Vakante betrekking

Het jy 'n passie vir Wiskunde en kinders? Die **Master Maths** Oudtshoorn-span is op soek na iemand om te help met die onderrig van Wiskunde ekstra klasse, Maandae - Donderdae 12:00 -18:00, Vrydae en Saterdag soos benodig.

Faks CV na 044 279 1441 of skakel Suzaan Broeksma by 082 725 3209 of 044 272 8673

## Hoërskool Zwartberg Sportdag

Op Saterdag, 17 April, het tien verskillende skole dit weer uitgespook op die rugbyveld en netbalbaan. Altesaam 450 spelers het deelgeneem aan ons jaarlikse sportdag.

Harde, maar lekker wedstryde is vanaf die oggend tot die middag laat gespeel. Elke speler het verskeie geleenthede gekry om sy/haar staal te wys. Die ondersteuners het ook langs die veld gewys wat in hulle steek - entoesiasme het nie ontbreek nie.

Aan die einde van die dag word daar 'n wenner vir elke oudersdomsgroep aangedui. In netbal is dit die span met die meeste doele en in rugby die span met die meeste drieë. Die volgende spanne het as wenners uit die stryd getree en dan ook elk 'n trofee gewen.

### Netbal:

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o/17	-	HS Zwartberg
o/15	-	Prince Albert Primêr
o/13	-	Prince Albert Primêr
o/11	-	HS Laingsburg
o/9	-	HS Uniondale

### Rugby:

o/19	-	HS Calitzdorp
o/13	-	HS Zwartberg
o/11	-	Prins Albert Primêr
o/9	-	HS Uniondale

Die o/17 netbalspan het in totaal 32 doele aangeteken en die o/19 span het oortuigend gewen met 113 doele.

Baie geluk aan veral ons plaaslike spanne wat Prince Albert se naam hoog gehou het.

## Nuwe personeellede by Hoërskool Zwartberg



Hennie Engelbrecht is aangestel in die Wiskunde- en Natuurwetenskappepos vir Grade 10 – 12 vanaf die tweede kwartaal by Hoërskool Zwartberg. Baie welkom, Hennie en u familie, by ons skool en ook op ons dorp.

George Vos proef tans by Hoërskool Zwartberg tot Oktober. Hy is 'n finalejaarstudent by CPUT (Wellington Kampus). Hartlik welkom, George.

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## Prince Albert Primêr presteer op Zwartberg sportdag



Die kapteins van Primêr se wennende rugby- en netbalspanne

- Dirk Visser -

Die rugby-en netbalspanne van Prince Albert Primêr het uitstekend gevaar by die sportdag wat aan die begin van die tweede kwartaal by Hoërskool Zwartberg aangebied is.

Die sportdag het skole van Sutherland, Uniondale, Calitzdorp, Mosselbaai, Merweville en Laingsburg ingesluit. Prince Albert Primêr se rugbyspan het die o/11 afdeling gewen en die netbalspanne het onderskeidelik die o/13 en o/15 kompe-

tisies gewen. Die dag was puik georganiseer en 'n goeie advertensie vir ons dorp.

Prince Albert Primêr se rugby-en netbal spanne het ook weereens goed presteer in hul onderskeidelike ligas in die SWD. Drie o/13 rugby spelers het ook tot die derde rondte van die SWD proewe deurgebring.

Die Laerskole Craven Week vind vanjaar tydens die Junie vakansie in Graaff-Reinet plaas.

## Primêr's Choir finds its voice again

- Sara Sass -

During the Olive Festival the young learners from Prince Albert Primêr once again showed that they could sing. Conducted by Sara Sass, the school choir members sang their hearts out in the "markie" and impressed and charmed all who listened to them.

On 3 May, headmaster John Steyn received a donation of R1800.00 for the choir from a Canadian NGO, the Friends of the South African Performing Arts (FOSAPA).

Richard Stern who was born in Muizenberg and his Canadian wife, Doris, founded FOSAPA some years ago after seeing a performance of the Buskaid Soweto String Project.

Richard had always felt privileged to have grown up in South Africa and had wanted to give something back to his homeland. Richard's family was involved in the arts in Cape Town for many years. His father founded the Masque theatre in Muizenberg, for which Richard serves as a trustee. Hence his passion and support for the arts and music.

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## HZ se Skaakspelers in SWD-Proewe



Op Saterdag, 17 April, is die Oudtshoorn skole skaak proewe te Hoërskool Zwartberg aangebied. Sewe skole vanaf onderskeidelik Oudtshoorn en omgewing het deelgeneem.

Ons leerders, (vlnr) Ryan van der Berg, Linco Titus, Markus Moos, André Kleinhans, Bradley Maans en Theo Kleinhans asook Roberto Galant (Afw) het besonder goed gevaar en deurgedring na die SWD Proewe op 8 Mei te Calitzdorp by Hoërskool Calitzdorp.

## Netbalspelers gekies vir SWD-Proewe

Die Hoërskool netbaldogters het onlangs aan die Oudtshoorn-streek netbalproewe deelgeneem.

Ons is trots om te sê dat (vlnr) Simonia Migiel, Joedine Konstabel, Meagan Hannies en Annamarie Williams deurgedring het na die eerste rondte SWD-proewe op 21 April in Oudtshoorn. Baie sterkte aan die vier dogters – ons wag in spanning op die volgende uitslae!



## Nuwe VRL-lede aangestel



Hoërskool Zwartberg se nuut aangestelde addisionele VRL-lede is (vlnr): Jason Killian (Graad 10), Luthandro Witbooi (Graad 10), William Koopman (Gr 9), Linco Titus (Gr 9) en Anolisha Paulsen (Gr 10)

Baie geluk aan julle en julle ouers. Hoërskool Zwartberg is trots op julle.

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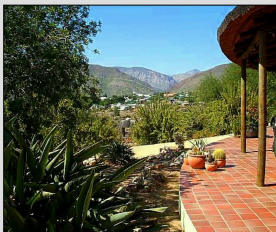
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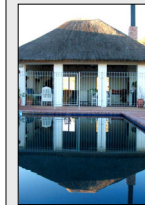
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## PA Half Marathon - A Firm Favourite

- Lesley van Heerden -

This year's Prince Albert Half Marathon was an important part of the Olive Festival. We were delighted at the number of participants (75), both local and from further afield, in spite of other races the same weekend along the Garden Route and in the Klein Karoo.

Yvonne Teixeira, the second woman home in the 21.1km run, summed up just how much visiting runners enjoyed both the race and the festive atmosphere in our town in her letter to us:

"I ran the Prince Albert Half Marathon on 1 May and combined with the annual Olive Festival what an awesome weekend!

We arrived in Prince Albert on Friday, 30 April, to be greeted by friendly faces eagerly awaiting the runners' arrival and were absolutely spoilt from the start to the finish!

Following registration we headed into the main street to get some sustenance for the race and what a choice! Because of the Olive Festival there were lots of stalls selling every variety of food and pre-race fuel you could think of.

The residents were so friendly and inspirational. It's awesome that a town can be so organised and well prepared for many hundreds of people descending on their little haven. I had roosterkoek with some locals while drinking beer in the tent and watching the Stormers play their best game of the season on a huge TV screen.

Early the next morning we were greeted with delicious oat biscuits and tea and coffee. We hopped on the cattle truck that took us out nine kilometres to the start. The 10km race proved to be the most popular as we 36 runners stayed on for the 21km.

It must be the most scenic route I have ever run (the Two Oceans comes close). I am a Karoo fan so I must admit some bias. After the road section we ran up the exquisite Swartberg Pass. The combination of off road and on road makes the

route appealing to all and the variety in up hills and down hills is very fair. The great support, water tables and police supervision made it just right.

We ran into a finish line in the middle of the festival goes in the main road. It was so festive. That day we carried on partying with the Olive Festival crowds and loved every moment.

It's a great race because Zwartberg Runners try so hard to please; it's a family affair because of the Festival and everything else that is going on and well, the route is quite spectacular.

Thanks, Zwartberg Runners, you make running special. This is probably my favourite 21km right now. Perhaps it could be yours next year...

*Yvonne Teixeira"*

Well done to Juan Pretorius of Hartenbos who won the 21.1km race in a time of 1:26:54. He was followed by Jan Freslar of the Nedbank Running Club, with Jan Isaks of Rainbow Athletics in third place. The first woman home in 7<sup>th</sup> place was Johanna Claassen of the Nedbank Running Club.

Junior runners did particularly well in the 10km, with Jesse Visagie in first place in a time of 32:57:13. John April of Run Walk for Life, finished second, running in the Open age group. Third place went to Hendrie Bostander, another Junior runner.

Thanks to the Olive Festival committee, our local police personnel, our generous sponsors and the many willing helpers and hands that made it possible for us to host the 21.1km and 10km races.

We learnt a lot and look forward to next year!

### Comrade Tracy

Good luck to Zwartberg Runners' Tracy Swanepoel who will run her first Comrades Marathon at the end of May. Go girl, we'll all be rooting for you!

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